



Most Fathers have turned silver headed
Knowing Best over the years and the **Friends
Of Old Time Radio Convention** has also turned
silver this year with it's **25th Annual Convention.**
Oct. 19-22, 2000 Holiday Inn North, Newark

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Sam Edwards – Fort Laramie; Father Knows Best
Art Gilmore – (Announcer) Amos 'n' Andy
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's
Navy
Bob Mott – (Sound Effects)
Norma Jean Nilsson – Father Knows Best
Gale Storm – My Little Margie
Johnny Western – (Singer; composer; Disc Jockey)
Rhoda Williams – Father Knows Best

New East Coast Guests

Ann DeMarco – (Singer with DeMarco Sisters) Fred Allen
Eileen Farrell – (Concert and opera Singer)
John Sforza – (Author) Andrews Sisters

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbrosio – (Announcer) ABC
Don Buka – Let's Pretend
Fred Foy – (Announcer) Sgt. Preston of the Yukon; The Lone
Ranger
Earl George – Captain Midnight; Doc Savage
Tony Gillman – Life Begins; Young Widder Brown
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Elaine Hyman – The Lone Ranger
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Rita Lloyd – Let's Pretend
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Rosa Rio – (Organist) Many radio shows
Larry Robinson – Let's Pretend

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 10 am – 5:30 pm
Doc Savage (Tom Powers)
Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 1999 by Michael Leannah will be presented (Dragnet Parody - Dir. by A. Anderson)
Entertainment by Johnny Western
Fans present (Molle) Mystery Theater

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Top ten comedy and mystery Shows (Gary Yoggy)
Sound Effects Workshop (Sue Zizza and guests)
Westerns (with Mitchell Weisberg) (Guest; Johnny Western)
Jean Shepard (with Max Schmid)
Peg Lynch talks about Ethel and Albert (with Ron Lackmann)
Mel Blanc (with Mary Lou Wallace and Walt Mitchell)
Father Knows Best Panel (with Gary Yoggy and guests)
The Gotham Players present **Escape "The Blue Wall;"** Dir. by Steve Lewis; Produced by Max Schmid

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Richard Diamond (with Bob Hastings and Rosemary Rice) (Dir. by Don Ramlow)
Rosa Rio Presents
(Re-creation) The Six Shooter (with Will Hutchins and Dick Beals) (Dir. by Anthony Tollin)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Game Shows (Mitchell Weisberg and Dave Zwengler)
Humorous Look at the Lone Ranger (with Fred Foy) (Hosted by Derek Tague and Jim Nixon)
Andrews Sisters Panel (with Author John Sforza) (also with Gary Yoggy and the Boogie Woogie Girls)
(Re-creation) by Hunterdon Radio Theater; "The Broken Shutter" based on E. A. Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart."
Panel by Jack French: "Hollywood OTR Gossips"

Amos 'n' Andy Retrospective (hosted by Anthony Tollin) with Art Gilmore and other guests; includes one 15-minute episode Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (hosted by Stu Weiss and Michael Henry; guests include Gale Storm; Eileen Farrell; Ann DeMarco; Johnny Western; Rosa Rio (Re-creation) Mr. Keene (Dir. by Bill Nadel)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings
(Re-creation) Let's Pretend "Cinderella" with Rosemary Rice; dir. by Arthur Anderson
(Re-creation) Father Knows Best with Rhoda Williams, Norma Jean Nilsson, Sam Edwards, Toni Gillman, Arthur Anderson; dir. by Gary Yoggy
Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. There will be a panel of guests to be decided.

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **FRONTAGE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 19; Daytime only (10 am - 5 pm); \$10

Thursday, October 19; Daytime and evening including dinner (10 am - closing) \$36.00. Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate choice when you make your reservation.**

Friday, October 20: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm)
\$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Friday, October 20: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) **\$48.00.** Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 21: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
\$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 21: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$54.00.** Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Sunday, October 22: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 8:00 to 11:00 am: \$17

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 and \$95 each plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are \$130, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. **ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE HI 800 NUMBER.** Call 1-8800-465-4329 and tell the person that answers that you are making a reservation for **FOTR**. Reservation must be placed by September 22nd. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached notice.

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514.
(203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com

On the Web at: www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/FOTR

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 19 – 22, 2000

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$15 if mailed in advance** and **\$20 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$15** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$142** instead of \$155 (\$136 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$127** instead of \$138 (\$121 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$109** instead of \$119 (\$103 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address.

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn 800 number. Call the Holiday Inn-North at 1-800-465-4329 and tell the person that answers that you are making reservation for FOTR. Cost of the rooms is **\$130 a day**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. **A deposit might be required (by credit card).** If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 22nd**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is \$100, a \$30 saving. There is shuttle service. Call Howard Johnson at 1-800-446-4656.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 24th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

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| Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11 | \$90 | Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11 | \$55 |
| Quarter Page – 4 by 5 | \$35 | Two full Pages – | \$150 |

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 25th annual convention.

For our 25th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about their favorite and meaningful experiences in previous conventions. These will be put in our convention booklet. You can e-mail or mail them in. They should be less than one page so we can put in as many as possible. Lee Munsick did one last year.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Although we did not do this last year, we are doing it this year, our 25th. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 10 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN re-creation on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 1 pm on Thursday. The re-creation will be Molle Mystery Theater "Follow that Cab." We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.**